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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer of the matter therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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21. (Amended) A storage system comprising:  
a plurality of host adaptors connected to at least one host device, which form  
interfaces for the host device;  
a plurality storage devices for storing therein data transferred from the host  
device;  
a plurality of disk adaptors connected to said storage devices, which form  
interfaces for said storage devices;

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